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Dear producers and other data users:

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Stocks of Grain and Hay

Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2002, in Nebraska totaled 856 million bushels, down 18 percent from last year and the lowest December total since 1995. **Wheat** holdings totaled 52 million bushels, down 18 percent from a year ago and the lowest total since 1997. **Soybean** stocks totaled 143 million bushels, down 15 percent from last year and the lowest since 1999. **Hay** stocks on Nebraska farms totaled 3.4 million tons, down 29 percent from last year and the lowest total since 1957.

United States **corn** stocks in all positions on December 1, 2002 totaled 7.63 billion bushels, down 8 percent from December 1, 2001. **Wheat** stored in all positions totaled 1.32 billion bushels, down 19 percent from a year ago. **Soybean** stocks totaled 2.11 billion bushels, down 7 percent from December 1, 2001. **Sorghum** stocks totaled 230 million bushels, down 27 percent from a year ago. **Hay** stocks stored on farms totaled 104 million tons, down 6 percent from the previous year.

Grain and Hay Stocks: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, 2000-2002

Grain and Position	Nebraska				United States			
	Dec 1, 2000	Dec 1, 2001	Dec 1, 2002	2002 2001	Dec 1, 2000	Dec 1, 2001	Dec 1, 2002	2001 2000
	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>				<i>1,000 Bushels</i>			
Corn				<i>Percent</i>				<i>Percent</i>
On Farms	640,000	670,000	530,000	79	5,550,000	5,275,000	4,800,000	91
Off Farms ¹	326,809	370,485	325,944	88	2,979,634	2,989,715	2,833,427	95
Total All Positions	966,809	1,040,485	855,944	82	8,529,634	8,264,715	7,633,427	92
All Wheat								
On Farms	15,000	12,000	8,700	73	623,420	517,890	384,800	74
Off Farms ¹	52,454	52,024	43,603	84	1,182,705	1,105,565	936,199	85
Total All Positions	67,454	64,024	52,303	82	1,806,125	1,623,455	1,320,999	81
Soybeans								
On Farms	54,000	65,000	56,000	86	1,217,000	1,240,000	1,170,000	94
Off Farms ¹	89,633	102,659	87,025	85	1,022,991	1,035,618	944,482	91
Total All Positions	143,633	167,659	143,025	85	2,239,991	2,275,618	2,114,482	93
Sorghum								
On Farms	15,500	12,000	4,700	39	74,300	72,400	51,600	71
Off Farms ¹	31,362	24,340	18,461	76	187,681	241,477	178,000	74
Total All Positions	46,862	36,340	23,161	64	261,981	313,877	229,600	73
Oats								
On Farms	1,500	1,300	1,100	85	86,900	58,100	52,300	90
Off Farms ¹	*	*	*		57,237	56,117	51,294	
Total All Positions	*	*	*		144,137	114,217	103,594	
All Hay								
	<i>1,000 tons</i>				<i>1,000 tons</i>			
On Farms	3,500	4,800	3,400	71	105,582	110,510	103,756	94

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. * Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks January 10, 2003, USDA NASS Crop Production, January 10, 2003.

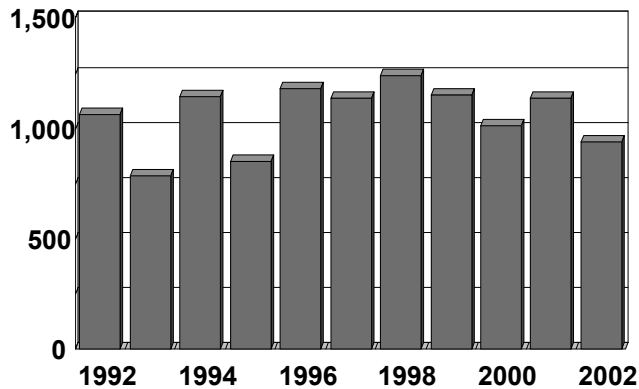
**Crop Summary: Acres Harvested, Yield and Production,
Nebraska and United States, 2000-2002**

Classification		Nebraska				United States			
		2000	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>	2000	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> <u>2001</u>
Percent						Percent			
Corn for Grain									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	8,050	7,750	7,350	95	72,440	68,808	69,313	95
Yield	Bushels	126.0	*147.0	128.0	87	136.9	138.2	130.0	94
Production	1,000 Bushels	1,014,300	1,139,250	940,800	83	9,915,051	9,506,840	9,007,659	95
Corn for Grain, Irrigated									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	4,800	4,550	4,650	102				
Yield	Bushels	154.4	*173.0	166.9	96				
Production	1,000 Bushels	741,300	787,250	776,100	99				
Corn for Grain, Non-Irrigated									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	3,250	3,200	2,700	84				
Yield	Bushels	84.0	110.0	61.0	55				
Production	1,000 Bushels	273,000	352,000	164,700	47				
Corn for Silage									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	290	275	475	173	6,082	6,148	7,490	122
Yield	Tons	14.0	*17.0	9.5	56	16.8	16.6	14.0	84
Production	1,000 Tons	4,060	4,675	4,513	97	102,156	102,077	104,979	103
Sorghum for Grain									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	500	425	300	71	7,726	8,584	7,299	85
Yield	Bushels	70.0	84.0	50.0	60	60.9	59.9	50.7	85
Production	1,000 Bushels	35,000	35,700	15,000	42	470,526	514,524	369,758	72
Sorghum for Silage									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	20	20	25	125	262	336	352	105
Yield	Tons	11.0	11.0	7.5	68	10.6	11.1	9.5	86
Production	1,000 Tons	220	220	188	85	2,773	3,728	3,360	90
Soybeans for Beans									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	4,575	*4,900	4,580	93	72,408	72,975	72,160	99
Yield	Bushels	38.0	45.5	38.5	85	38.1	39.6	37.8	95
Production	1,000 Bushels	173,850	*222,950	176,330	79	2,757,810	2,890,682	2,729,709	94
All Hay									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	3,050	3,250	3,250	100	59,854	63,521	64,497	102
Yield	Tons	1.99	2.33	1.83	79	2.54	2.47	2.34	95
Production	1,000 Tons	6,055	7,578	5,950	79	151,921	156,764	150,962	96
Alfalfa Hay									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,350	1,450	1,350	93	23,077	23,822	23,135	97
Yield	Tons	3.10	3.55	3.00	85	3.48	3.37	3.19	95
Production	1,000 Tons	4,185	5,148	4,050	79	80,347	80,327	73,824	92
All Other Hay ¹									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	1,700	1,800	1,900	106	36,777	39,699	41,362	104
Yield	Tons	1.10	1.35	1.00	74	1.95	1.93	1.86	96
Production	1,000 Tons	1,870	2,430	1,900	78	71,574	76,437	77,138	101
Proso Millet									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	135	180	65	36	370	585	220	38
Yield	Bushels	18.0	31.0	13.0	42	19.8	33.2	12.5	38
Production	1,000 Bushels	2,430	5,580	845	15	7,320	19,405	2,755	14
Potatoes, All									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	24.7	22.4	21.8	97	1,348.0	1,222.2	1,276.5	104
Yield	Cwt.	*410	375	395	105	381	358	363	101
Production	1,000 Cwt.	10,127	8,400	8,611	103	513,621	437,888	463,214	106
Beans, Dry Edible									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	156.0	148.0	165.0	111	1,607.5	1,248.5	1,726.9	138
Yield	Pounds	2,070	*2,150	2,100	98	1,643	1,569	1,736	111
Production	1,000 Cwt.	3,230	3,185	3,465	109	26,409	19,583	29,974	153
Sugar Beets									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	54.8	41.4	42.0	101	1,373.0	1,243.3	1,361.0	109
Yield	Tons	20.3	20.3	18.1	89	23.7	20.7	20.2	98
Production	1,000 Tons	1,112	840	760	90	32,541	25,764	27,550	107
Sunflower ²									
Harvested	1,000 Acres	80	79	45	57	2,647	2,555	2,205	86
Yield	Lbs.	810	1,055	549	52	1,339	1,338	1,133	85
Production	1,000 Lbs.	64,770	83,350	24,700	30	3,544,428	3,418,759	2,497,236	73

* Record high. ¹ Includes wild hay. ² U.S. estimates include all states except Alaska and Hawaii.
Source: USDA NASS Crop Production January 10, 2003.

NEBRASKA CORN PRODUCTION

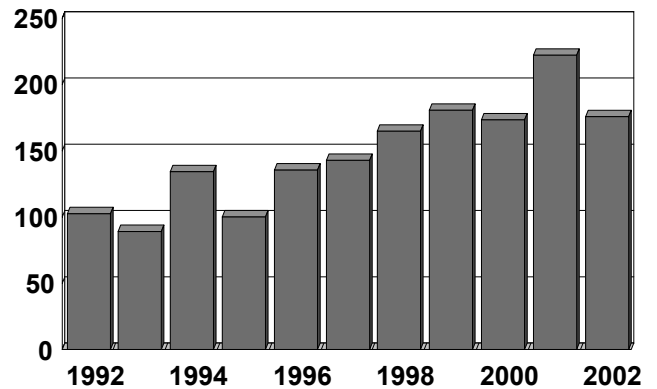
Production in Millions of Bushels



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

NEBRASKA SOYBEAN PRODUCTION

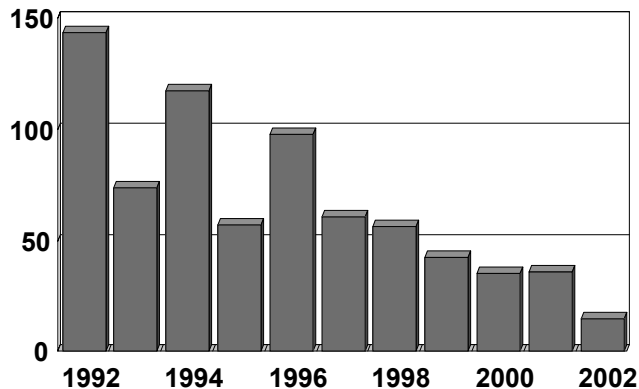
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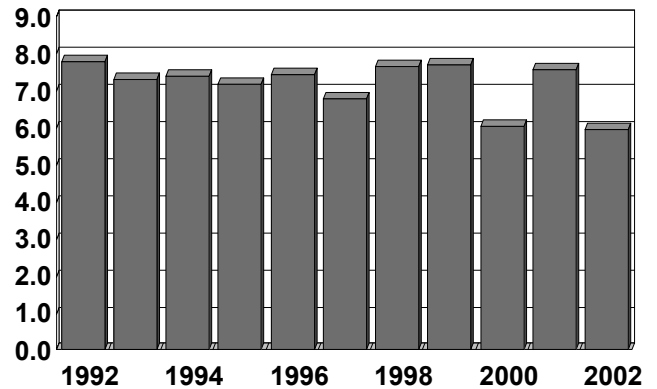
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NEBRASKA ALL HAY PRODUCTION

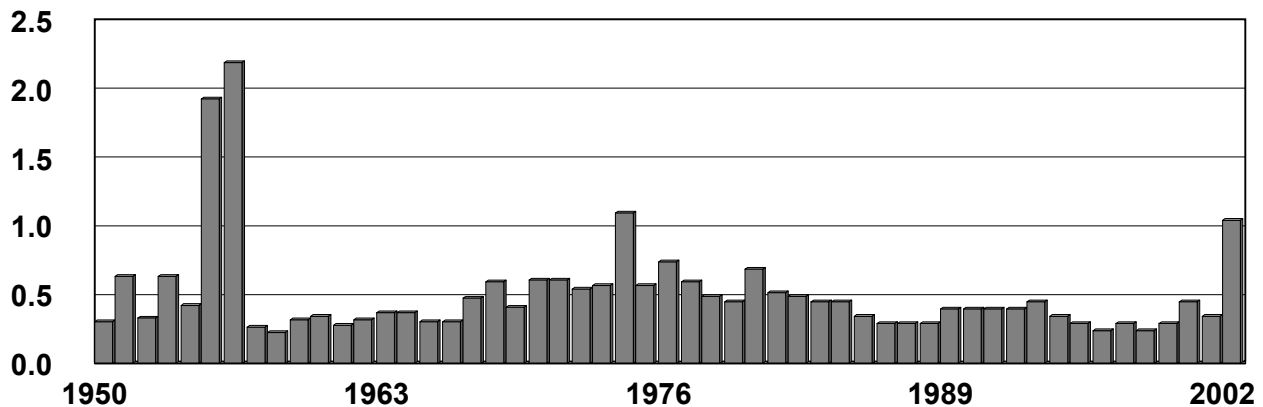
Production in Millions of Tons



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

NEBRASKA CORN Acres Abandoned, Grazed or Cut for Silage

Millions of Acres



Source: USDA Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service

Grain Storage Capacity

There were 508 commercially licensed off-farm grain storage facilities in Nebraska as of December 1, 2002. Storage capacity for these facilities totaled 690.4 million bushels up slightly from a year ago.

In the United States, off-farm grain storage facilities totaled 9,521 on December 1, 2002, down 2 percent from December 1, 2001. Capacity of off-farm commercial grain storage totaled 8.51 billion bushels, on December 1, 2002, up 1 percent from December 1, 2001.

Off Farm Storage: Number and Capacity, Nebraska and United States, December 1, 2001-2002

State	Facilities		Storage Capacity	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
<i>1,000 Bushels</i>				
Nebraska	519	508	690,156	690,405
United States	9,697	9,521	8,424,395	8,506,131

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks January 10, 2003.

On-farm storage capacity in Nebraska is estimated at 970 million bushels, down 3 percent from last year.

The United States on-farm storage capacity totaled 11.2 billion bushels on December 1, 2002, up slightly from December 1, 2001.

On Farm Storage: Capacity, Nebraska and United States, December 1, 2001-2002

State	Storage Capacity	
	2001	2002
<i>Million Bushels</i>		
Nebraska	1,000	970
United States	11,145	11,150

Source: USDA NASS Grain Stocks January 10, 2003.

Winter Wheat Seedings

Nebraska's winter wheat seedings for the 2003 crop totaled 1.7 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Seeding was underway by the first of September. Minimal rainfall allowed seeding to progress at a near normal pace. At the end of December, the crop condition rated 38 percent good or excellent, well below the 66 percent last year.

Winter Wheat Seedings: Nebraska and United States, 2001-2003

State	Area Seeded All Purposes		
	Crop of		
	2001	2002	2003
<i>1,000 Acres</i>			<i>Percent</i>
Nebraska	1,750	1,650	1,700
United States	41,078	41,735	44,246

Source: USDA NASS Wheat Seedings January 10, 2003.

Nebraska's Government Payments, 2001

In 2001, Nebraska producers collected \$1.30 billion in government payments. This was 8 percent less than the \$1.41 billion in 2000 and 8 percent less than the \$1.41 billion in 1999.

Government Payments: By Program, Nebraska, 2001

Program	Dollars
	<i>\$1,000</i>
Commodity Programs	(22)
Production Flexibility Contracts	283,701
Loan Deficiency Payments	375,920
Conservation	68,377
Supplemental Funding	524,201
Miscellaneous	5,367
Marketing Loan Gains	40,058
Total Payments	1,297,624

Source: USDA ERS

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